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University hosts 3rd annual STEM Fest

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On Saturday, Sept. 26, Georgia Southern will present its 3rd annual science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) festival from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The festival provides more than 50 exploration stations with hands-on learning activities for elementary-, middle school- and high school-aged children. The event is free and open to the public.

STEM Fest is an interactive event intended to get K-12 students excited about what STEM has to offer by offering students, their parents and teachers hands-on educational experiences. The festival will feature presentations by the [Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education](#) (i²STEMe) at Georgia Southern, the U.S. Army and others.

This year, activities include robotics in action, making ice cream with liquid nitrogen, experiencing the STE(A)M truck, a mobile innovation lab, launching Alka-seltzer rockets, exploring the Archeobus with the Society for Georgia Archeology, going on a mission with the army and learning more about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Georgia Southern's i2STEMe brings a workforce development and more STEM literate citizenship to the community to assist in making more informed decisions about issues that are going to affect the next generation. The Institute also aims to establish collaborative interdisciplinary programs committed to excellence in K-20 STEM teaching and learning, with a focus on rural, diverse, low SES and under-represented populations.

Last year more than 1,500 guests attended STEM Fest and this year the University expects more.

For more information about the event, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/stemfest.

Center for Sustainability to Host Annual GreenFest

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A promotional poster for the 3rd Annual GreenFest. The background is a gradient of green and blue with abstract shapes. A yellow diagonal banner in the top left corner reads "NEW Pallet Challenge (register online)". In the center, a green plant with three leaves grows out of a lightbulb base. To the right of the plant, the text "Activities, information, music, & fun for the whole family!" is written in a light blue font. Below the plant, the word "Annual" is in a small, light blue font. The main title "GreenFest" is in large, bold, white and green letters, with "SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE" in smaller green letters underneath. The year "2015" is in large, white, outlined letters. Below the title, the date and time "October 3, 2015 | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M." are in large, white, bold letters. Underneath that, the location "Bulloch County Courthouse Lawn" is in white, bold letters. The website "Web: GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability" is in white, bold letters. At the bottom left is the "Center for SUSTAINABILITY" logo, which consists of a stylized fan or leaf design. At the bottom center, the text "Student Sustainability Fees at Work!" is in white, bold letters. At the bottom right is the "912-478-5895" phone number in large, white, bold letters, and the "GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY" logo, which features a circular emblem with a bird and the university's name.

The Georgia Southern Center for Sustainability (CfS) is taking over the Bulloch County courthouse lawn on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the third annual GreenFest event. This celebration of sustainable activities is sure to have everyone in the community going green.

"GreenFest is community celebration of sustainability where participants can arrive with questions and walk away with solutions in hand," said Lissa Leege, Ph.D., director of CfS. "We have many new vendors and workshops this year, and the live music and festival atmosphere will be fun for everyone!"

The free community event will include exhibits, vendors, workshops, live music and activities for all ages, including GreenFest workshops to help save green while living green. The CfS encourages everyone to participate in sustainable activities such as creating a bee house, tie-dying and creating an aquaponic garden during GreenFest.

This year GreenFest will feature a pallet challenge to entice competition for sustainable creativity. Teams or individuals can pick up used pallets, create something new and unique and enter the competition for the best idea. A "celebrity panel" will judge the final creations during GreenFest and announce the winners at noon. For more information on the pallet challenge, visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability/pallet-challenge/>.

"I'm especially looking forward to our inaugural pallet challenge this year to see what our creative community has designed from used wood pallets," said Leege.

Last year GreenFest drew more than 1,200 visitors and 40 vendors.

For a full list of vendors and activities for GreenFest, visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability/events/greenfest/>.

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